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Celebrate Cat Independence in July

June 22, 2009 – Waterford, VA – In honor of Independence Day, the Loudoun County Animal Shelter is hoping to help its cats gain independence – in the form of loving homes – during the month of July.

From July 1 – 31, all cats and kittens will have a **special adoption fee of \$4** (spay/neuter fee still applies as needed). This is a \$16 savings for cats age 7 and under and a \$6 savings for cats over age 7.

Adopters can visit with cats Monday-Thursday and Saturdays at the Loudoun County Animal Shelter, located off Route 9 in Waterford. The shelter's Mobile Adoption Vehicle will be filled with cats looking for homes on **Sunday, July 19 at the Dulles Town Center Mall from 2:00 – 4:00pm** (near the Cheesecake Factory).

Videos, photos, and descriptions of cats available for adoption can be found online at www.loudoun.gov/animals.

Cats are naturally independent creatures, but that does not mean that they are aloof. In fact, cats outrank dogs as America's # 1 pet, and it is easy to see why. Cats are affectionate, playful, and loyal. They make wonderful pets, and their self-sufficient nature means they are often easy to care for and adapt well to busy schedules.

Cats don't require long walks or outside "potty breaks" and are content to stay indoors for a nice long nap and some playtime. They don't need to be housebroken, as they instinctively know to use a litter box. All they ask is for you to show them where it is and to keep it clean!

Cats can also be left alone for longer periods of time (as long as the food, water, and litter box is well attended). They are happy to entertain themselves, though they often enjoy having a kitty companion to pal around with.

Indoor cats live on average from 18-20 years, and are loveable lifetime friends. All cats adopted from the Loudoun County Animal Shelter are spayed or neutered prior to adoption and are microchipped.

The Loudoun County Department of Animal Care & Control is located at 39820 Charles Town Pike, Waterford, VA 20197. Department information can be found online at www.loudoun.gov/animals.

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